

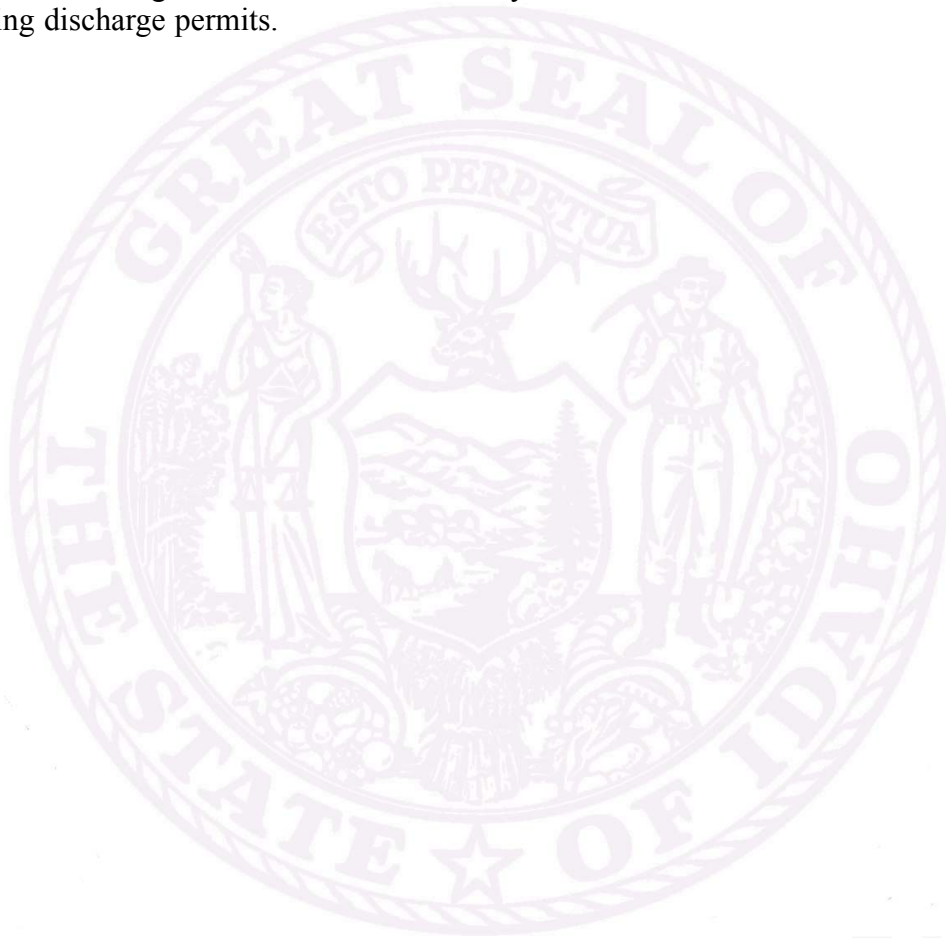
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22426

The purpose of this legislation is to amend the Idaho water quality standards provision regarding insignificant degradations of water quality that are exempt from Tier II antidegradation review. The current provision, commonly referred to as the de minimus exemption, was disapproved by EPA as inconsistent with the Clean Water Act.

FISCAL NOTE

If a new de minimus exemption is not established, insignificant degradation of water quality will require a Tier II antidegradation review and thereby increase the workload and costs of DEQ and those seeking discharge permits.



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